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Preliminary Amendment dated June 4, 2004

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Application Serial  
5 No. 09/745,386, filed [November 10, 2003] December 21, 2000, entitled "HEART VALVE  
HOLDER AND METHOD FOR RESISTING SUTURE LOOPING," the disclosure of which is  
expressly incorporated by reference herein.